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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Stephen Gordon

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-21, 27, 28 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-21, 27, 28 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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### DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 15-21 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Minix et al.

Minix et al teaches a system for a motor vehicle wherein interchangeable accessories (20,24,30 etc.) can be selectively attached to the vehicle sidewalls or floor.

Claim 15, note transverse horizontal body receivers 25,29+ through the sidewall of the vehicle – figure 3. At least the structure 29 of the receiver defines a length greater than a width of a receiver opening as broadly claimed – see figure 4 etc.

Claim 16, the accessories include one or more of the recited components including at least a width extension as broadly claimed.

Claim 17, at least element 29 defines a socket as broadly claimed. Accessory 24+ includes a selectively locatable insert 60 as broadly claimed.

Claim 18, the insert and structure are configured as broadly claimed – see figures 3 and 4.

Claims 19, 20, and 21, the reference teaches multiple horizontal and vertical receivers/sockets as broadly claimed – see figure 3 etc.

Claim 27, the receivers are configured as broadly claimed.

Claim 28, multiple accessories are taught – e.g. see figure 2.

3. Claims 15-18, 28, and 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gostomski.

Gostomski teaches a motor vehicle with a vehicle body as broadly claimed.

Claim 15, box beam element 20 defines a body receiver as broadly claimed with a transverse length. The receiver includes an opening width (figures 3 and 4) which is less than the transverse length. The receiver passage 26 opens through a sidewall of the vehicle body as broadly claimed and accepts an accessory 36 therein.

Claim 16, element 16 defines at least a width extension as broadly claimed.

Claims 17-18, the structure defines a socket and an insert (40) configured as broadly claimed.


Claim 28, note multiple elements 36.

Claim 30, note socket holes 32 and pin 40. The C-shaped channel portion of element 36 containing holes 38 is fairly readable on an insert as broadly claimed. Holes 38 define a hole in the insert.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gordon whose telephone number is (571) 272-6661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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